

Common Carriers: House bills Nos. 186, 92.
 Criminal Jurisprudence: House bills Nos. 169, 211.
 Judiciary: House bills No. 257, 292, 352.
 Labor: House bill No. 143.

TWENTIETH DAY.

(Monday, February 7, 1921.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Thomas.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Adams.	Hanna.
Aiken.	Harrington.
Baker.	Harrison.
Baldwin.	Henderson
Barker.	of McLennan.
Barrett of Bell.	Henderson
Barrett of Fannin.	of Marion.
Bass.	Hendricks.
Beasley	Hill.
of Hopkins.	Horton.
Beasley	Johnson of Ellis.
of McCulloch.	Johnson
Beavens.	of Wichita.
Black, O. B.,	Jones.
of Bexar.	Kacir.
Black, W. A.,	Kellis.
of Bexar.	King.
Bonham.	Lackey.
Branch.	Laird.
Bryant.	Laney.
Burkett.	Lauderdale.
Burmeister.	Lawrence.
Burns.	Leslie.
Carpenter.	Lindsey.
Childers.	Looney.
Chitwood.	McCord.
Coffee.	McKean.
Cox.	McLeod.
Crawford.	Malone.
Crumpton.	Martin.
Cummins.	Marshall.
Curtis.	Mathes.
Darroch.	Melson.
Davis, John E.,	Menking.
of Dallas.	Merriman.
Davis, John,	Miller of Parker.
of Dallas.	Morgan.
Dinkle.	Moore.
Duffey.	Morris of Medina.
Duncan.	Morris
Edwards.	of Montague.
Estes.	Mott.
Faubion.	Neblett.
Fly.	Neinast.
Garrett.	Owen.
Greer.	Patman.
Grissom.	Perkins
Hall.	of Cherokee.

Perkins of Lamar.	Swann.
Perry.	Sweet of Brown.
Pollard.	Sweet of Tarrant.
Pool.	Teer.
Pope.	Thomason.
Quaid.	Thompson
Quicksall.	of Harris.
Quinn.	Thompson
Rice.	of Red River.
Rogers of Shelby.	Thorn.
Rountree.	Thrasher.
Rowland.	Veatch.
Satterwhite.	Wadley.
Schweppe.	Walker.
Seagler.	Wallace.
Shearer.	Webb.
Sims.	Wessels.
Smith.	West.
Sneed.	Williams
Stephens.	of McLennan.
Stevenson.	Williams
Stewart	of Montgomery.
of Edwards.	Wright.
Stewart of Reeves.	

Absent.

Brown.

Absent—Excused.

Binkley.	McFarlane.
Brady.	Miller of Dallas.
Fugler.	Rogers of Harris.
Hardin.	Rosser.
Johnson	Thomas
of Gillespie.	of Limestone.
Kveton.	Westbrook.
McDaniel.	

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Rosser for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Marshall.

Mr. McDaniel indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Childers.

Mr. Thomas of Limestone for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Quicksall.

Mr. Binkley and Mr. Brady for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Jones.

Mr. Rogers of Harris for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Beavens.

Mr. McFarlane for today, on motion of Mr. Merriman.

Mr. Kveton for today, on motion of Mr. Lauderdale.

Mr. Hardin for today, on motion of Mr. Barrett of Fannin.

Mr. Miller of Dallas for today, on motion of Mr. Horton.

Mr. Johnson of Gillespie indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Wadley.

Mr. Fugler was excused for today, on motion of Mr. Baker, on account of sickness.

Mr. Thorn for today, on motion of Mr. Duffey, on account of sickness.

SENATE BILL AND RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bill and resolution were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 4, to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Senate bill No. 59, to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Burmeister, it was ordered that House bill No. 327 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Thomason, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 133 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Rountree, it was ordered that House bill No. 383 be not printed.

BILL RECOMMITTED.

On motion of Mr. Merriman, House bill No. 243 was recommitted to the Committee on Reclamation and Conservation.

RESOLUTION ORDERED PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Burkett, it was ordered that House Joint Resolution No. 10, with majority adverse and minority favorable report, be printed.

BILL RE-REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Kellis, House bill No. 197 was withdrawn from the Committee on Public Printing and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

THANKING VON BOECKMANN-JONES COMPANY.

Mr. John E. Davis of Dallas offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The members of the House have been provided with neatly printed folders, containing a list of the standing committees of the House, conveniently arranged in alphabetical order, with the compliments of the Von Boeckmann-

Jones Company of Austin; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we tender to said firm our sincere thanks for this courtesy.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

INVITATION FROM CITIZENS OF LAREDO.

The Speaker laid before the House and had read the following invitation:

Austin, Texas, February 7, 1921.

To the Hon. Chas. G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, and to the Members of the House of Representatives.

Gentlemen: The citizens of Laredo, Texas, through me, their representative, as indicated in the letter attached hereto, hereby extend to you a most cordial and sincere invitation to visit them and to participate, with them, in the annual celebration of Washington's birthday on the 22nd day of February, 1921.

The citizenship of Laredo hopes to enjoy the pleasure and honor of having you with them on this occasion.

Respectfully submitted for the people of Laredo,

W. T. NEBLETT, JR.,
Representative, Seventy-ninth District.

Laredo, Texas, January 27, 1921.

Hon. W. T. Neblett, Jr., House of Representatives, Austin, Texas.

Honorable Sir: Under the auspices of the Red Men, and the citizens of Laredo in general, the customary annual celebration of Washington's birthday will be renewed this year, as per enclosed official program. The greatest enthusiasm prevails, and the expectations are that this will be the greatest celebration in the history of Laredo.

You are hereby requested, as our representative before the Thirty-seventh Legislature, to extend in the name of the people of Laredo a cordial and sincere invitation to his excellency the Governor of the State and his official family, and to all of the members of the Thirty-seventh Legislature now in session to be present with us on the 22nd day of February, 1921, and to participate in the festivities prepared for the occasion.

We hope you will exercise your best efforts in the matter so that our wishes may be realized.

If you have any suggestions to make in this matter that may redound to the

benefit of the occasion we will be glad to hear from you.

Yours respectfully,
L. VILLEGAS,
Mayor.
JOS. NETZER,
Chairman.

THANKING CITIZENS OF LAREDO.

Mr. Burmeister offered the following resolution:

Whereas, On the 21st, 22nd, 23d and 24th of February there will be an elaborate celebration at Laredo, Webb county, Texas, in commemoration of the birth of our first President; and

Whereas, There has been extended to the members of this body by the mayor and city council, board of trade, and business men generally of Laredo, a cordial invitation to attend such celebration; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we extend to the people of Laredo a vote of thanks for their kind invitation and commend them for keeping alive in our memories the heroes and patriots of the past.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

RELATING TO OIL AND PIPE LINE COMPANIES.

Mr. Burkett offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Several of the larger oil companies have sent out notices to the producers and owners that they would no longer purchase more than 50 per cent of the oil produced, without giving any reason therefor, and

Whereas, Said oil companies propose to store the remaining 50 per cent and charge the owners therefor at the rate of 3 cents per month, reserving the option to buy same at any time, or to refuse to take same longer for storage, and

Whereas, Very few, if any, of the owners and producers own any storage facilities, thereby leaving said owners and producers wholly at the mercy of the large oil companies who own and operate pipe lines and storage facilities, and

Whereas, All the large oil companies and pipe line companies who purchase oil, did on January 24, 1921, without notice, warning or reason, reduce the price of light crude oil 50 cents per barrel, and did on January 31, 1921, further reduce, without notice, warning or reason, the price of light crude oil 50 cents

per barrel, and did on February 2, 1921, without warning or reason, reduce the price of light crude oil another 50 cents per barrel making a total reduction of \$1.50 per barrel within ten days, without any reasonable or just cause, and

Whereas, The concerted actions of said oil and pipe line companies in refusing to take more than 50 per cent of the oil, and charging 3 cents per month, per barrel for storage for the remainder, and the combined actions of such companies in arbitrarily, without just cause, in making such extremely heavy reductions in the price of light crude oil, means bankruptcy and ruin for many oil producers and owners, and such actions on the part of said oil and pipe line companies being so unquestionably in restraint of trade and in violation of the anti-trust laws of the State of Texas, a large portion, if not the controlling stock, in several of said companies being owned by the Standard Oil interests; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the Attorney General of the State of Texas be and he is hereby requested to immediately investigate the combined activities of said oil and pipe line companies with reference to the storage facilities, the reasons why 50 per cent of the oil runs only are paid for; the reason why the price of oil has been so violently reduced simultaneously by all of said companies, and to gather all evidence tending to show a combination in restraint of trade, and to immediately bring suit against any and all oil and pipe line companies for damages and for cancellation of their charters or permits to do business in Texas, in case evidence is found warranting such action.

The resolution was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Oil, Gas and Mining.

RELATING TO REMOVAL OF UNIVERSITY.

Mr. Baldwin offered the following resolution:

By Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Pope, Mr. Wright, Mr. Branch, Mr. Rowland, Mr. Neblett, Mr. Baker, Mr. Martin, Mr. Thompson of Red River, Mr. Burns, Mr. Grissom, Mr. Barrett of Fannin, Mr. Wright, Mr. Patman, Mr. Crumpton, Mr. Cummins, Mr. Melson, Mr. Crawford, Mr. West, Mr. Burmeister, Mr. Jones, Mr. Sweet of Brown, Mr. Quicksall, Mr. Barker, Mr. Beasley of Hopkins, Mr.

Kacir, Mr. Henderson of Marion and Mr. Burkett:

H. C. R. No. 18. Providing for submission to a vote of the qualified electors of the State of Texas, the proposition of relocating the University of Texas, and determining a permanent location for said institution; fixing the date for such election and prescribing the form of ballot therein; directing the Governor of the State to issue the necessary proclamation; providing for a second election in the event no place voted on receives a majority vote, and making an appropriation to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, the Senate concurring:

Whereas, The Board of Regents of the University of Texas have presented to this Legislature a memorial recommending the removal of the University of Texas from its present site to the certain tract of land adjacent to the city of Austin, on the Colorado river, known as the George W. Brackenridge tract; and

Whereas, Discussions of said proposal have developed the fact that many citizens of this State do not endorse, but oppose the removal of the University of Texas from its present site to said Brackenridge tract, and have presented to the Legislature a counter suggestion and proposal, that certain lands adjoining the present University campus can be purchased at a reasonable price, and should be purchased for the future needs of the University; and

Whereas, Many citizens of this State are of the opinion that the University of Texas should be located at a place in the State other than at the capital of the State; and

Whereas, Legal questions have arisen in connection with suggestions and proposals which have been made, the solution of which necessarily rest in uncertainty and doubt without appeal to the courts of the State, but which will be removed by submission of the proposition of relocation of the University to the electorate of the State; and

Whereas, The matter of a permanent location of the University of Texas is of great importance to all the people of the State, its removal necessarily involving the expenditure of large sums of money, and the University is now in urgent need of new and additional buildings, lands and equipment, and it would be unwise to cause permanent

buildings to be erected for the use of the University until the permanent location of said institution is definitely agreed upon and settled in a legal manner, and satisfactory to the people of this State; and

Whereas, The University of Texas is an institution owned, created and established by the people of Texas, and the present site of the University was determined by a vote of the electorate of the State, and any proposition or proposal looking to the removal of said institution from its present location should in like manner be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of Texas; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State of Texas, at an election to be held throughout the State on the fourth Saturday in July, 1922, the same being the day of July, 1922, the proposition of determining the permanent location of the University of Texas. Such election shall be held as nearly as may be possible in accordance with the general election laws of the State.

Any city or town or defined locality in this State may become a candidate for the permanent location and establishment of the University of Texas, at or within its limits, by filing with the Secretary of State, before the first day of May, 1922, its application in writing, to have its name placed on the official ballot for such election.

The official ballot at said election shall have printed thereon the following propositions, to wit:

1. For the retention of the University of Texas at its present site, with authority of the Board of Regents in the University, under direction and on approval of the Legislature, to purchase additional lands adjoining the present University campus, for permanent use of the University.

2. For the removal of the University of Texas, and its establishment on the certain tract of land adjacent to the city of Austin, on the Colorado river, heretofore donated to the University by George W. Brackenridge, and known as the Brackenridge tract.

3. For the removal of the University of Texas from its present site, and the location and establishment thereof at the place designated below. (Here shall follow list of all cities, towns and localities in the State, nominated as a place for the permanent location of the Uni-

versity of Texas, in the order in which applications for a place on the official ballot were filed with the Secretary of State.)

All voters at said election shall erase or scratch from said ballots all propositions and the names of all places except the proposition or name of the place favored, under the same method now in use in this State in voting for candidates for Governor.

Should any proposition or place named or voted for on said official ballot receive at said election a majority of all the votes cast, such place or locality shall be and constitute the permanent location of the University of Texas. Should no one place or locality voted on receive a majority of the votes cast at said election, the two receiving the highest number of votes shall be voted on for the permanent location of the University of Texas, at another and subsequent election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1922, and all other proposals and locations shall be eliminated. At said November election the place or locality receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be and constitute the permanent location of the University of Texas. Should two or more places or localities voted on at the first election tie for first or second place, no one place having received a majority of the votes cast, then all places or localities receiving the highest or second highest number of votes cast, or tied for first or second place, shall be again voted on at said November election, as aforesaid, and the place or locality receiving the highest number of votes in said election, whether a majority or a plurality of all votes cast, shall be and constitute the permanent location of the University of Texas.

The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and to have the same published in the same manner and for the same period of time as is now provided by law for the submission to a vote of the people of a proposed amendment to the Constitution of Texas.

The sum of fifteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas, not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such proclamation, publication and election, and to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Darroch raised a point of order on further consideration of the resolution at this time, on the ground that the time allotted under the rules of the House for consideration of resolutions has expired.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

RELATING TO REMOVAL OF THE UNIVERSITY.

The following resolution by Mr. Satterwhite, by unanimous consent of the House, was ordered printed in the Journal:

By Mr. Satterwhite:

H. C. R. No. 17, Authorizing the Board of Regents of University of Texas to prepare a statement of the buildings needed upon the respective sites of the present campus, and lands adjacent thereto; and also the possibilities of the development of the Brackenridge tract of land, and to publish such facts in bulletin form, and furnish printed copy to each member of the Thirty-eighth Legislature.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Whereas, The Board of Regents of the University of Texas has presented to the Legislature a memorial outlining certain facts and conditions relative to the present needs and future development of that institution, recommending the removal of the University to the tract of land on the Colorado river, adjacent to the city of Austin, donated by Mr. Geo. W. Brackenridge, and making certain suggestions with reference to the means of effecting their proposals; and

Whereas, Certain citizens of the State have protested against the removal of the University, setting forth objections thereto and offering the counter suggestion that sufficient additional suitable land adjoining the present campus can be purchased at a reasonable figure; and

Whereas, The development of the University of Texas is a matter of great importance to the people of the State, involving the expenditure of large sums of money, and should be based upon a foundation commensurate with the size of the State, and the educational demands of its future population, in so far as those can be humanly judged; and

Whereas, The data now in hand is insufficient to enable the Legislature to reach an intelligent conclusion upon

these vital matters, and the financial condition of the States does not warrant large appropriations at the present time; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives the Senate concurring:

1. That the Board of Regents of the University of Texas be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to make a detailed investigation of the needs of the University from the standpoint of lands and buildings for its activities, for bodies of students of varying numbers, in accordance with the best modern educational practice;

2. That the Board of Regents be, and they are hereby authorized and instructed to employ a competent architect to draft a general building scheme, showing the possibilities of the development of the present campus and the land adjacent thereto on the east, and also the possibilities of the development of the Brackenridge tract of land, showing the buildings needed for instruction and residential purposes and their comparative convenience of grouping upon the respective sites to such an extent as may be necessary to convey to the Legislature the materials for an intelligent decision;

3. That the Board of Regents be, and they are hereby authorized and instructed to prepare a statement of the buildings needed upon the respective sites, according to paragraph (2) hereof, together with an estimated statement of the cost of such buildings in the order of imperative need;

4. That the facts, details and architectural outlines above referred to, be published by the Board of Regents as a bulletin of the University of Texas, and a copy of same be furnished to the Governor of the State, and to each member of the Legislature as early as practicable, and certainly not later than January 1, 1922.

BILL SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and its caption had been read, the following enrolled bill:

H. B. No. 173, "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 50, of Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas, being an act known as House bill No. 122, enacted by the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, at its Third Called Session, approved June 17, 1920, creating Miles Independent School District; this amendment revising, diminishing

and re-establishing the limits and metes and bounds of said district as established by said act, to include only territory in Runnels county and excluding from said district certain territory in Runnels county and all territory in Tom Green county, and restoring and re-establishing such excluded territory which said act known as House bill No. 122 included in said Miles Independent School District to and as constituting, in whole or in part, as the case may be, the same original respective school districts of Tom Green and Runnels counties which such territory constituted, in whole or in part, before the taking effect of such act; continuing in office the trustees of such original respective school districts of Tom Green and Runnels counties who were in office when said original act took effect, with the same powers and duties as then conferred upon them by law, until the expiration of their respective terms of office; and continuing all the parts of said act which are not hereby amended in full force and effect; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

HOUSE BILL NO. 46 ON ENGROSSMENT.

The Speaker laid before the House, as unfinished special order, on its passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 46, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 73 of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, as amended by Chapter 113 of the General Laws of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, providing that the tax collector of each county shall transmit on Monday of each week, to the State Highway Department, fifteen per cent of the gross registration, chauffeur and transfer fees during the preceding week, and deposit the remaining eighty-five per cent in the county depository to the credit of the road and bridge fund of the county, to be expended by the commissioners court as is now; providing that all license fees collected on commercial and interurban commercial motor vehicles on a mileage basis shall be the property of the respective counties and be distributed in proportion to the mileage traveled in each county, and declaring an emergency; and also amending Section 5, Chapter 190, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature so as to provide that all salaries of employes of the State Highway

Department, including engineer, shall be fixed by the Legislature."

The bill having heretofore been read second time, and Mr. Williams of McLennan having on last Friday moved to reconsider the vote by which an amendment to the bill was adopted and to table the motion to reconsider, and the House at that time having refused to table the motion to reconsider, the question then being on the motion to reconsider.

Mr. Burmeister raised a point of order on consideration of the motion to reconsider at this time, on the ground that under the rules of the House when a motion to reconsider is made and not disposed of on the same legislative day on which it is made, one day's notice must be given before such motion to reconsider may be considered by the House.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

Mr. Fly offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 46 by striking out all above the enacting clause and inserting the following:

"A bill to be entitled 'An Act to provide for the fixing, by the Legislature of the compensation of all employes of the State Highway Department, as is determined by the Legislature for other departments of the State government; and for determination by the Legislature of expenditures for and by the State Highway Department in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 190, General Laws, of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and acts amendatory thereof; except as expenditures for compensation and other purposes may be expressly stipulated in and provided for, by the provisions of said Chapter 190 and acts amendatory thereof, and declaring an emergency.'"

Question—Shall the amendment be adopted?

Mr. Fly moved the previous question on the amendment and engrossment of the bill.

Question—Shall the main question be now ordered?

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the main question was ordered by the following vote:

Yeas—64.

Baker.	Black, W. F. A.,
Bass.	of Bexar.
Beavens.	Branch.
Black, O. B.,	Burkett.
of Bexar.	Burmeister.

Carpenter.
Chitwood.
Cox.
Crumpton.
Davis, John,
of Dallas.
Duffey.
Duncan.
Estes.
Fly.
Greer.
Grissom.
Hall.
Harrison.
Henderson
of Marion.
Horton.
Johnson
of Wichita.
Kellis.
Lackey.
Laird.
Laney.
Lauderdale.
Leslie.
Looney.
McKean.
McLeod.
Malone.
Merriman.
Morgan.
Morris
of Montague.

Neblett.
Owen.
Patman.
Perkins.
of Cherokee.
Perkins of Lamar.
Pool.
Quaid.
Quicksall.
Rountree.
Schweppe.
Shearer.
Smith.
Sneed.
Stephens.
Stevenson.
Stewart of Reeves.
Swann.
Teer.
Thomason.
Thompson
of Harris.
Thorn.
Thrasher.
Wallace.
Webb.
West.
Williams
of McLennan.
Williams
of Montgomery.

Nays—55.

Adams.	Johnson of Ellis.
Aiken.	Kacir.
Baldwin.	King.
Barker.	Lawrence.
Barrett of Bell.	McCord.
Barrett of Fannin.	Martin.
Beasley	Marshall.
of Hopkins.	Melson.
Beasley	Menking.
of McCulloch.	Miller of Parker.
Bonham.	Moore.
Burns.	Morris of Medina.
Childers.	Neinast.
Coffee.	Perry.
Crawford.	Pollard.
Cummins.	Pope.
Curtis.	Quinn.
Darroch.	Rice.
Davis, John E.,	Rogers of Shelby.
of Dallas.	Rowland.
Dinkle.	Satterwhite.
Edwards.	Seagler.
Faubion.	Sweet of Brown.
Garrett.	Sweet of Tarrant.
Hanna.	Thompson
Harrington.	of Red River.
Henderson	Wadley.
of McLennan.	Walker.
Hendricks.	Wessels.
Hill.	Wright.

Absent.	
Brown.	Stewart
Jones.	of Edwards.
Lindsey.	Veatch.
Mathes.	
Absent—Excused.	
Binkley.	McDaniel.
Brady.	McFarlane.
Hardin.	Rogers of Harris.
Johnson	Thomas
of Gillespie.	of Limestone.
Kveton.	Westbrook.
Paired.	
Mr. Sims (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Miller of Dallas (absent), who would vote "yea."	
Mr. Bryant (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Fugler (absent), who would vote "yea."	
Mr. Mott (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Rosser (absent), who would vote "yea."	
Question first recurring on the amendment by Mr. Fly, yeas and nays were demanded.	
The amendment was adopted by the following vote:	
Yeas—66.	
Bass.	Lauderdale.
Beavens.	Leslie.
Black, O. B.,	Looney.
of Bexar.	McCord.
Black, W. A.,	McKean.
of Bexar.	McLeod.
Bonham.	Malone.
Branch.	Merriman.
Burkett.	Morgan.
Burmeister.	Neblett.
Carpenter.	Owen.
Chitwood.	Patman.
Cox.	Perkins
Crumpton.	of Cherokee.
Davis, John,	Perkins of Lamar.
of Dallas.	Pollard.
Duncan.	Pool.
Estes.	Quaid.
Fly.	Quicksall.
Greer.	Rogers of Shelby.
Grissom.	Rountree.
Hall.	Schweppe.
Harrison.	Seagler.
Henderson	Shearer.
of Marion.	Smith.
Horton.	Stephens.
Johnson	Stevenson.
of Wichita.	Stewart
Jones.	of Edwards.
Kellis.	Stewart of Reeves.
Lackey.	Swann.
Laird.	Teer.
Laney.	Thomason.

Thompson	Webb.
of Harris.	Williams
Thorn.	of McLennan.
Thrasher.	Williams
Walker.	of Montgomery.
Wallace.	

Nays—53.

Adams.	Kacir.
Aiken.	King.
Baldwin.	Lawrence.
Barker.	Martin.
Barrett of Bell.	Marshall.
Barrett of Fannin.	Mathes.
Beasley	Melson.
of Hopkins.	Menking.
Beasley	Miller of Parker.
of McCulloch.	Moore.
Burns.	Morris of Medina.
Childers.	Morris
Coffee.	of Montague.
Crawford.	Neinast.
Cummins.	Perry.
Darroch.	Pope.
Davis, John E.,	Quinn.
of Dallas.	Rice.
Dinkle.	Rowland.
Duffey.	Satterwhite.
Edwards.	Sneed.
Faubion.	Sweet of Brown.
Garrett.	Sweet of Tarrant.
Hanna.	Thompson
Harrington.	of Red River.
Henderson	Veatch.
of McLennan.	Wadley.
Hendricks.	Wessels.
Hill.	Wright.
Johnson of Ellis.	

Present—Not Voting.

Curtis.	Absent.
Lindsey.	Westbrook.

Absent—Excused.

Binkley.	Kveton.
Brady.	McDaniel.
Hardin.	McFarlane.
Johnson	Rogers of Harris.
of Gillespie.	

Paired.

Mr. Baker (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Thomas of Limestone (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Bryant (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Fugler (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Mott (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Rosser (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Sims (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Miller of Dallas (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. West (present), who would vote

"yea," with Mr. Brown (absent), who would vote "nay."

House bill No. 46 was then passed to engrossment.

Mr. Fly moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to engrossment, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, February 7, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

S. B. No. 27, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 16, being an act of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, 1917, as amended by Chapter 58, being an act of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, 1917, relating to the creation of a juvenile board within certain counties of this State and prescribing the duties and powers of such board, including the appointment by it of probation officers, and providing for the payment of compensation of such officers, and allowing the said district judges an additional salary to be paid out of the general fund of such county, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 39, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 140 of the Acts of 1917, being Article 3934½ of Complete Texas Statutes, compiled by Vernon Law Book Company, and providing that said act shall not apply to manufacturing establishments, industrial plants and grain elevators, where such establishments, plants, elevators and the buildings of said concerns are constructed of fireproof material, and in which sleeping apartments above first floor are not provided, and in which persons under the age of sixteen years are not employed above the first floor, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3903 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, as amended by the Thirty-third Legislature at its Regular Session, Chapter 121 and Chapter 142, of the General Laws, and as amended by Chapter 55 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, as amended by Chapter 32,

General Laws of the Third Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, relating to the appointment and compensation of deputies and assistants of certain district and county officers and relating to the fees, compensation and expenses of office of certain county funds of special deputy district clerks to attend upon the sessions of district courts in counties of one hundred thousand population or more and in which counties there are more than one district court, including criminal district courts, upon the direction of the judge of such court under the circumstances set forth in the act, correcting certain inaccuracies in the wording of said Article 3903, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 66, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 4600 and 4601, Chapter 7, Title 66, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, being Articles 784 and 785 of the Revised Criminal Statutes of Texas 1911, relating to fees to be paid by applicants for licenses as embalmers and the annual fees to be paid by registered embalmers; to provide a penalty for the violation thereof or the failure to pay such fees, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 118, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4113, Chapter 8, Title 64, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, providing for the return of an inventory and appraisements of ward's estate, and where such inventory and appraisal shows such estate to be of the value of \$1000 or less, authorizing a guardian to control, manage or dispose of all or any part of the same without further application or order from the probate court, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 123, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 206, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the appointment of a Superintendent of the Confederate Home, his duties, term of office and salary by providing that the son of a Confederate soldier is eligible for appointment, repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Has adopted

H. C. R. No. 14, Thanking citizens of Denton.

Respectfully,

A. W. HOLT,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

SPECIAL ORDER SENT.

On motion of Mr. Veatch, House bill No. 44 was set as a special order for 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

ADDRESS BY HON. W. T. BAGBY.

Mr. Fly offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Hon. W. T. Bagby, a former member of this House, is within the bar of the House; therefore, be it

Resolved, That he be invited to address the House.

Signed—Fly, Hall, W. A. Black of Bexar, Jones, O. B. Black of Bexar, Morris of Medina, Pollard.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of Mr. Fly, Mr. Kacir, and Mr. Hall as a committee to escort Mr. Bagby to the Speaker's stand.

The committee having performed their duty, the Speaker presented Mr. Fly who introduced Mr. Bagby to the House.

Mr. Bagby then addressed the House.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Owen, the House, at 12 o'clock m., took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by Speaker Thomas.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Miss Annie Houghton, secretary to the Governor, appeared before the bar of the House, and, being duly announced, presented the following message from the Governor, which was read to the House, as follows:

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, February 7, 1921.

To the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Gentlemen: In studying the workings of our State Government, I am being impressed more and more each day that the one thing to which we should give our attention at this time is seeing to it that the machinery of our government, in all its parts, is put in proper condition to be economically and efficiently operated. Not only is the State overloaded with boards and commissions that overlap and duplicate, but I discover that some of the departments in the handling of money do not recognize, nor are they responsible to the supreme law-making body of the

State. Under our system of government all officers and departments created by the Legislature should be directly responsible to and under the direct supervision of the Legislature. It is not a wise policy to permit any officer of any department of the government to collect fees and to appropriate such fees, as he pleases, to the running expenses of his particular department. All public funds should not only be turned into the State Treasury, but should be paid out by direct and specific legislation. No department of this government should be permitted to employ assistants, either as to number or salary, without its pay roll being subjected to the wisdom of the Legislature. Not to thus regulate the departments is to make possible leaks and encourage extravagances. I, therefore, recommend for your earnest consideration the enactment of a general law repealing the provisions of the Highway Commission law, the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission law, the Agricultural and Mechanical College law, and every other law that permits or authorizes any department of this government to enroll as many employees as said department may desire, and to pay said employees any salary that may please the fancy of the temporary head of such department. To illustrate: The Highway Department has on its pay roll at this time sixty-seven employees, paying therefor each month the sum of \$9,488.32. In addition to this, there has been carried by this department for the past month a special pay roll of thirty-six persons who worked part of the time, the aggregate salary of these for the month being \$786.85, making a grand total of \$10,275.17 per month, or an annual pay roll of over \$123,000. This amount is exclusive of the salaries of the members of the Commission. There is no doubt that correct governmental principles would require that such a vast department of the State Government as this should be under the direct supervision of the Legislature, in order that it may judge as to the number of employees and salary paid therefor. This is not only important as a matter of economy, but also to the end that all the employees of the State might receive something like uniform compensation for like service rendered. If the various departments of the government are left at liberty to pay salaries according to the pleasure of such department, it is very apparent that gross irregularities and injustice will exist. Such a slipshod system of

this kind begets extravagance. It would not be tolerated for an hour by any well-organized private business. The very best methods used by successful private enterprises are none too good to be invoked by all of us who are charged with the responsibility of expending the people's money.

What has been said as a reason for specific and direct legislation looking to the curbing of extravagance, to the equalization of salaries for like service, to the minimizing of the possibility of leaks, to the efficiency of government as applicable to the Highway Department applies with equal force to the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, to one of the sub-departments of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and perhaps to other departments that I have had no opportunity to investigate. The Game, Fish and Oyster Department has a pay roll of thirty-six persons, with approximately \$50,000 a year as compensation. The law should be repealed giving to this department authority to collect and spend its fees as it sees fit. The Pure Feed Department of the Agricultural and Mechanical College collects and spends, at its pleasure, both as to salary and number of employees, about \$80,000 a year. This \$80,000 belongs to the State and should not only be put into the State Treasury, but should not be paid out to any one except by direct legislation. A general law that will apply to every department of the government in regard to the number of its employees and the disbursing of money should be enacted. In making these suggestions I am not thinking of the individuals who may be temporarily connected with these departments; I only wish to shear every department of the government of that power in regard to the expenditure of money that under our system of government belongs to the law-making body of the State.

Yours for a business-like administration of governmental affairs.

PAT M. NEFF,
Governor.

NOTICE GIVEN.

Mr. Owen gave notice that he would on tomorrow call up for consideration at that time the motion to reconsider the vote by which the House on last Thursday refused to pass House bill No. 93 to engrossment, which motion to reconsider was on that day spread on the Journal.

HOUSE BILL NO. 320 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Stewart of Reeves, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 320, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 4, 40, 66, 80, 81, 82 and 100 of Chapter 87, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, providing for organization and government of water improvement and irrigation districts and acts amendatory of said Chapter 87, including Chapter 53 of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and Chapter 28, General Laws of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, and which sections relate, respectively: Section 4, to the mode of appeal from an order of the commissioners court in granting or dismissing petition for organization of a district; Section 40, the collection of delinquent taxes by suit, and fixing jurisdiction thereof; Section 66, providing for the sale of bonds of such district; Sections 80, 81, and 82, providing the method of organization of districts embracing lands in two or more counties; and Section 100, providing the method of the selection of depositories of such districts; and which amendments to said Sections 4, 40, 66, 80, 81, 82 and 100 provide respectively: Section 4, for appeals from an order of the county commissioners court in granting or refusing a petition for organization of a district, and that notice of appeal shall be given, and perfecting of appeal by filing of a bond at the time of filing same, and fixing amount of such bond, and providing that the judgment on appeal shall be certified to the commissioners court within ten days after same becomes final; Section 40, for providing taxes to be a lien against property assessed, and enforcement of same, suits for collecting, vesting jurisdiction in district court, and providing no limitation shall apply; Section 66, for providing the method of selling bonds of the district authorized by said Chapter 87, and the amount to be received therefor; Sections 80, 81 and 82, for providing the method of organization and government of districts embracing lands in two or more counties; Section 100, for the selection of depositories of any such district, and providing that if directors of said district should be interested in a bank bidding therefor such selection shall be passed upon by the county

judge of the county in which the depository is located; and by further amending said Chapter 87, General Laws of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature and acts amendatory of said Chapter 87, including Chapter 53 of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and Chapter 28, General Laws of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature by the addition of new sections 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136 and 137, which new sections provide, respectively: Section 122, for the addition of land to a district to be taxed on basis of assessment of benefits; Section 123, for location of office of a district; Sections 124 to 130, inclusive, for the method of levying, assessing, equalizing, and collecting taxes by districts, adopting the assessment for benefit plan of taxation; Section 131, for providing for districts constituting conservation and reclamation districts adopting plan of levying taxes on a benefit basis instead of an ad valorem basis; Section 132, for providing for levy and collection of taxes on a benefit basis instead of an ad valorem basis by districts operating under contract with the United States, and the method of levying and collecting same; Section 133, for providing for sale of power privileges by such districts and the conditions thereof; Section 134, providing for assessment and collection of taxes by county officers in event of default therein by district officers, and providing district may avail itself of assessments and equalization made by county officers, and providing the method of handling same; Section 134, providing for sale of surplus water; Section 135, repealing Section 5a, Chapter 12, General Laws, Second Called Session, Thirty-fifth Legislature and all laws in conflict with the provisions thereof; Section 137, emergency clause."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House and it was read second time.

Mr. Stewart of Reeves offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend Section 1, line 15, by striking out the word "petitioners" in the phrase "payable to petitioners" and substitute in lieu thereof "county judge for the benefit of adverse parties."

The (committee) amendment was adopted.

Mr. Stewart of Reeves offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 320 by add-

ing to the end of Section 122, page 7, line 35, the following as an addition thereto:

"And when two or more districts are consolidated by an agreement adopted by an election, and one of the districts has issued bonds the property in the other districts, when so provided by agreement, shall be taxed for the payment thereof on the basis of taxation, the rate of taxation, and the period for which same are to be paid and other details prescribed in the consolidation agreement, and adopted at said election by a majority vote, and when said tax is levied on irrigated land or land to be irrigated, same may provide for a fixed acreage tax, if same is equitable."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Stewart of Reeves offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 320 by adding at the end of the first paragraph of Section 134 page 13, after the word "duties," line 16, the following: "if the tax levy is not sufficient because of decreased valuations same shall be increased by order of the commissioners court."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 320 was then passed to engrossment.

RELATING TO THE NEINAST CASE.

On motion of Mr. Owen, consideration of the charges heretofore preferred against Hon. H. J. Neinast was postponed until 10 o'clock a. m. next Thursday, February 10.

HOUSE BILL NO. 298 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Kellis, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 298, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5246f, Chapter 4, Title 77, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, so as to permit employers and employes in contracts between the State, and political subdivisions of the State, to contract as to the hours of labor to be performed per day."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House and it was read second time.

Mr. Walker offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 298, page 2, by striking out all after the word "that" in line 3, to and including line 6, and substituting the (committee) amendment.

Amend House bill No. 298 by striking

out the latter part of Section 1, commencing with the word "provided," and add the following: "Nothing in this act will prohibit county or road commissioners from working paid road hands on what is known as force account, for a longer length of time."

Mr. Laney offered the following substitute for the (committee) amendment:

Amend House bill No 298 by striking out all of Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 1. That Section 2 of Chapter 68, Acts of 1913, Regular Session, be and the same is hereby repealed."

Mr. Owen moved to table the substitute.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—93.

Adams.	Hendricks.
Aiken.	Hill.
Baker.	Johnson of Ellis.
Baldwin.	Johnson
Barker.	of Wichita.
Barrett of Bell.	Jones.
Barrett of Fannin.	Kacir.
Bass.	King.
Beasley	Lackey.
of Hopkins.	Laird.
Beavens.	Lauderdale.
Black, O. B.,	Lawrence.
of Bexar.	Leslie.
Black, W. A.,	Lindsey.
of Bexar.	Looney.
Bonham.	McCord.
Bryant.	McLeod.
Burmeister.	Malone.
Burns.	Martin.
Carpenter.	Marshall.
Chitwood.	Mathes.
Coffee.	Melson.
Cox.	Merriman.
Crawford.	Miller of Parker.
Crumpton.	Morgan.
Cummins.	Moore.
Curtis.	Morris of Medina.
Darroch.	Mott.
Davis, John E.,	Neblett.
of Dallas.	Neinast.
Davis, John,	Owen.
of Dallas.	Patman.
Dinkle.	Perkins of Lamar.
Duffey.	Perry.
Faubion.	Pollard.
Greer.	Pool.
Hall.	Quicksall.
Harrington.	Quinn.
Harrison.	Rice.
Henderson	Rountree.
of McLennan.	Schweppe.
Henderson	Seagler.
of Marion.	Shearer.

Stephens.
Stevenson.
Stewart
of Edwards.
Swann.
Sweet of Brown.
Sweet of Tarrant.
Teer.
Thrasher.

Veatch.
Wadley.
Walker.
Wallace.
West.
Williams
of McLennan.
Williams
of Montgomery

Nays—24.

Beasley
of McCulloch.
Branch.
Burkett.
Childers.
Duncan.
Edwards.
Fly.
Garrett.
Grissom.
Hanna.
Horton.
Kellis.
Laney.
McKean.

Morris
of Montague.
Perkins
of Cherokee.
Pope.
Rogers of Shelby.
Sims.
Stewart of Reeves.
Thompson
of Harris.
Thompson
of Red River.
Webb.
Wessels.

Absent.

Brown.
Estes.
Menking.
Quaid.
Rowland.
Satterwhite.

Smith.
Sneed.
Thomason.
Thorn.
Wright.

Absent—Excused.

Binkley.
Brady.
Fugler.
Hardin.
Johnson
of Gillespie.
Kveton.
McDaniel.

McFarlane.
Miller of Dallas.
Rogers of Harris.
Rosser.
Thomas
of Limestone.
Westbrook.

Mr. Owen moved to table the (committee) amendment, and the motion to table was lost.

Question recurring on the (committee) amendment, it was lost.

Mr. Rogers of Shelby moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was lost and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Carpenter offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 298 by striking out the period at the end of line 6, page 2, after the word "pay," and substitute a semicolon therefor and add the following: "provided further that the time consumed by the laborer in going to and returning from the place of work shall not be considered as part of the hours of work."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Kellis offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend caption of House bill No. 298 by striking out the words "Article 5246 of Chapter 4, Title 77, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Acts, 1913, page 127, Chapter 18, Section 2, Acts of Regular Session of Thirty-third Legislature."

Amend House bill No. 298 by striking out the words "That Article 5246f hereafter read." in line 12, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "That Acts, 1913, Chapter 68, page 127, Section 2, Acts of Regular Session of Thirty-third Legislature, be amended so as to read as follows."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fly offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 298 by striking out on page 1, Section 1, line 20, the words "or permit."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fly offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 298, page 1, Section 1, by striking out line 30 to line 38, inclusive, down to the word "provided" in said line 38.

Mr. Curtis offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Strike out the word "diem" in line 30, Section 1, and insert the word "hours," and insert the words "for like work" after the word "wages," in line 30, Section 1.

Question—Shall the substitute be adopted?

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, February 7, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

H. B. No. 69. A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4081 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to provide for the appointment of a guardian of a person of unsound mind or an habitual drunkard, on a hearing before the court, without the necessity of a jury trial, which will be granted if requested, as set out in Title 64, Chapter 16, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, providing for 'Guardianship of Persons of Unsound Mind and Habitual Drunkards,' and validating all appointments heretofore made without a jury trial."

S. B. No. 104, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent any person, firm, corporation or association from placing before the public any advertisement relating to merchandise, securities, service or any other thing offered to the public, containing an assertion, representation or statement of fact which is untrue, deceptive or misleading; providing a penalty for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 43, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 900, Title 10, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, of 1911, so as to make bail bonds good in all criminal cases until verdict or judgment and until the defendant is taken in custody by the sheriff, as amended by Chapter 10 of the General Laws of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, 1917, and extending the same for a period of thirty days after the date of overruling of the motion for a new trial."

S. B. No. 72, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing certain officers of the University of Texas to make certified copies of public records deposited in the library of that institution and providing that said certified copies shall be lawful and have the same force and effect as if made by the county clerks of the counties from whence the same are transferred; and authorizing county commissioners and other custodians of public documents, in their discretion, to lend to the University of Texas those public records in their custody which are mainly of historical value, to enable that institution to make copies for historical study, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

A. W. HOLT,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

RECESS.

Mr. West moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Williams of McLennan moved that the House recess until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Williams of McLennan prevailed, and the House accordingly, at 5:10 o'clock p. m., took recess until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following standing committees filed favorable reports today on bills, as follows:

Counties: House bills Nos. 265, 225, 371, 210.

Judicial Districts: House bill No. 327.

Criminal Jurisprudence: Senate bills Nos. 44, 76, House bills Nos. 359, 366.

Public Lands and Buildings: House bills Nos. 317, 248.

Education: House bills Nos. 347, 255, 384, 367, 336, 271, Senate bills Nos. 133, 304.

Stock and Stock Raising: House bills Nos. 226, 132.

Public Health: House bill No. 362.

Banks and Banking: House bill No. 291.

Appropriations: House bill No. 184.

Agriculture: House bills Nos. 311, 355.

Education: House bill No. 271.

The following standing committees filed adverse reports today on bills, as follows:

Education: House bill No. 153.

Common Carriers: House bill No. 116.

Agriculture: House bills Nos. 379, 553.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 7, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 183, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 2, 11, 13, 14, 15, 25 and 30, of Chapter 4, of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road law for Llano county, Texas, and to provide for the appointment of a superintendent of public roads, highways and bridges for Llano county, and to provide his qualifications, terms of office and salary, defining his duties and powers, and providing for punishment for violation of his duties; providing certain duties and powers of the commissioners court of said county, and fixing the compensation of the commissioners for inspecting the roads in their respective precincts; providing for the appointment of road overseers, defining their duties, fixing their compensation for certain labor, and providing for punishment for violation of their duties; providing for persons subject to road duty in Llano county, and persons summoned to work

the roads in said county to have the right to be relieved from the discharge of such duties upon the payment of specific sums of money herein stipulated, and providing for the accounting for and disposition to be made of the money so paid, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 247, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a more efficient road system for Tyler county, Texas; providing that each commissioner of the same shall be ex-officio road commissioner of his precinct; providing for an inspection of roads, bridges and culverts by said commissioner; providing for bonds, compensation and duties, and providing for the work of delinquent poll tax payers on the public roads and relieving them from the performance of said road work by the payment of \$5.00; providing that the commissioners court shall have power to build roads, bridges, culverts, etc., by private contract; providing that the commissioners court may employ a superintendent who shall be an experienced civil engineer in road building; providing penalties for the violation of this act, and this act shall be cumulative of all general laws of this State not in conflict herewith; repealing Chapter 82, Special Laws, passed by the Thirty-second Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 330, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Laneville Independent School District of Rusk county; defining its boundaries; vesting it with the rights, powers, duties and privileges of districts incorporated for school purposes only under the general laws; providing for a board of trustees therefor, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

SNEED, Chairman.

TWENTIETH DAY.

(Continued.)

(Tuesday, February 8, 1921.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by Speaker Thomas.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows: